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A capping unit 6, which is provided in a non-printing area, seals the recording head 1 to prevent the nozzle openings from drying out, and negative pressure produced by a suction pump 7 is applied in order to remove clogging at the nozzle openings, or to load ink in a replacement ink cartridge 2. A cleaning member 8 is also provided.

Page 8, delete the fourth full paragraph and insert:

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The ink supply needle 30 is constituted by an insertion portion 36 that has a needle-shaped tip, and a funnel-shaped filter chamber 37 below that is opened up to cover the two second ink supply paths 32. As is shown in Figs. 7(a)-7(c), grooves 38 are formed in the

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internal face of the filter chamber 37 and are extended from the vicinity of the lower end of the insertion portion 36 to positions that are distant from the ink supply paths 32, preferably, in this embodiment, the middle portion of the area whereat the two ink supply paths 32 face each other, i.e., the positions that are farthest from the ink supply paths 32. Reference number 39 denotes an ink induction hole; and 36, a fixed frame.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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24 Sub D2 1. ~~(Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus comprising:~~